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1. MONINO (38°11' E. 55°51' N) was the terminal of the MOSCOW Inter-urban High-Speed Railway. The air force installations and the airfield were located south of the town and the railroad station

2. The framework of the building termed Academy was completed and sections of it were already in use. It consisted of a basement, three floors, and a not yet installed garret-story. Officer courses of four or five weeks' duration were held in one wing of the building. These courses were attended by army officers ranking from lieutenant to major. Chief instructor was a Soviet colonel. Several groups of the students were seen almost daily at various places of the field and at the parked aircraft.

3. Barracks and an officers' mess were also located in the area.

4. There was the airfield with four hangars and a fuel dump to the west. The landing field was level and had a well-kept grass cover.

5. The following aircraft were stationed at the field: About 8 biplanes (trainers), 10 twin-engine aircraft, and 12 fighters, similar to the Me-109, three of which were painted red.

6. There was intensive flying, individual flights with biplanes, individual and formation flying with fighters, and diving exercises of the twin-engine aircraft being observed.

7. The MONINO Academy was occupied exclusively by members of the

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air force. The installations, some of them four-story buildings with living rooms and class rooms, were well protected by trees against aerial observation.

8. The Academy was attended by Soviet Air force officers of all grades, but Romanian and Hungarian officers were also observed. A Soviet general, constantly seen there, was presumably the CO of the Academy.

9. Theoretical instruction was given in the morning; flight training in the afternoon.

10. Biplanes, single-engine fighters, and twin-engine planes were stationed at the airfield located southwest of the Academy.

11. The dimensions of the MONINO installations are 5,600 x 3,300 feet. Besides the Academy proper, there were five blocks of dwellings, a hospital, a bath, and a boiler house.

12. The airfield, about 5,000 x 3,300 feet, had runways, concrete aprons in front of the hangars, workshops, and an administration building.

Comment:

a. The occupation of the MONINO airfield by a squadron each of biplanes, twin-engine aircraft, and fighters seems reasonable and credible with regard to the officers' courses given at the newly constructed Air Force Academy.

b. The remark on short-time courses for army officers in 1947 reveals that Soviet Army officers are also made familiar with the basic conceptions of air force tactics.

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